

(d) No.

(e) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (d).

APPOINTMENTS IN THE INFERIOR CADRE—REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

436. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of appointments both acting and permanent made by the authorities to the posts of village peons, Office peons, masapadies, and others of inferior service in the Revenue Department in Trichur and Talappalli Taluks in the second half of the year 1113;

(b) of them how many were (i) Nayars, (ii) Christians, (iii) Ezhuvas and (iv) others?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (Diwan Peishkar):

(a)	Acting	9
	Permanent	9

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(b)	(i) Nayars	10
	(ii) Christians	3
	(iii) Ezhuvas	1
	(iv) Others (Ezhuthassans)	4

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Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): May I take it that these appointments were made by the Tahsildars and not by the Diwan Peishkar?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (Diwan Peishkar): They were made by the Tahsildars.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): May I know whether the Diwan Peishkar has issued circulars to the subordinate officers to adhere as far as possible to the principle of communal rotation fixed by the Staff Selection Board?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (Diwan Peishkar): I have given them instructions to follow the rotation as far as possible.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (Ezhuvas-Talappalli): May I know then the reason why a preponderance is given to certain communities in these appointments?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (Diwan Peishkar): These figures pertain only to the second half of 1113. Without getting the figures for the first half also and the figures of the previous

years, it is not possible to conclude whether there is any disparity. Further we do not know the number of applicants, and their community. We also do not know the people who were thrown out. Unless we know all these things, how can we draw a conclusion?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Does it mean that there are applicants wanting in any community?

Mr. President: Do you periodically check the appointments made by the subordinates?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): Generally they do not come to me. They have got the power of these appointments vested in themselves. But I have no objection to call for figures and check.

Mr. President: All Departmental Heads who have given power of appointments to the subordinate officers should check these appointments periodically.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I will do that.

COMPASSIONATE GRATUITY—GRANTING OF.

437. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there has been any cases of preferring any claim for award of compassionate gratuity according to the D. P. referred to in the previous question (D. P. D-2-2833/07, dated 12th August 1932, published in page 1406 of the Gazette, dated 29th Karkadagam 1107) by the heirs or successors other than widow or children of any deceased Government servant;

(b) if the answer to question (a) is in the affirmative, will the Government be pleased to state whether such claims were satisfied by the Government;

(c) whether grand-children are entitled for such compassionate gratuities in the absence of widows or children?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes, if they are legal heirs of deceased rightful claimants i. e., widow and children.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know, Sir, whether according to the succession law, if a man has no wife and children, his brother or other relations become his heirs?

Mr. President: It is matter for legal opinion?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): We do not follow that rule in this case.